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SUBJECT CHINESE CURRENCY TRAVELLERS CHECKS AND TRAVEL TO CHINA

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1. IN CONVERSATION JANUARY 10 (REFTEL), BANK OF CHINA/
HONG KONG SUB-MANAGER FANG SHAN-KUEI CONFIRMED THAT
TRAVELERS' CHECKS DENOMINATED IN RENIMBI WERE NOW ON
SALE IN HONG KONG (AT ANY OF THE BANK OF CHINA OR SISTER
BANK BRANCHES). THE STILL-EXPERIMENTAL FACILITY WAS
INSTITUTED, FANG SAID, IN TIME FOR THE LARGE NUMBERS OF
HONG KONG-MACAU RESIDENTS WHO VISIT RELATIVES IN CHINA
DURING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR. FANG SAID THE RATIONALE
FOR THE RMB TRAVELERS' CHECKS WAS TO AVOID DELAYS AT THE
CURRENCY EXCHANGE COUNTER ON THE CHINESE SIDE OF THE
HONG KONG/PRC BORDER AS WELL AS TO AVOID DIFFICULTIES
TRAVELERS ENCOUNTER IF THEY CARRY "UNACCEPTABLE"

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FOREIGN CHECKS (I.E., AMERICAN EXPRESS OR CITIBANK).
FANG SAID HE HOPED THE EXPERIMENT WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL
AND WOULD EXPAND TO OTHER CITIES ABROAD.

2. THE QUESTION OF TOURIST TRAVEL TO CHINA WAS ALSO
RAISED IN THE CONVERSATION. TA KUNG PAO PUBLISHERS FEI I-MIN
NOTED THAT THERE WERE NOW TOURS FROM HONG KONG WHICH DEPARTED

WEEKLY FOR CANTON AND MONTHLY FOR PEKING, AND THAT ALL,
DIPLOMATS INCLUDED, WHO WISHED TO PARTICIPATE WERE
WELCOME. NCNA DEPUTY DIRECTOR CHU YI OBSERVED THAT
FOR DIPLOMATS FOREIGN MINISTRY PERMISSION WOULD,
OF COURSE, BE NECESSARY. WHILE NOT A SIGNFICANT
DEPARTURE,
THIS SEEMS SOMEWHAT MORE POSITIVE THAN
LOCAL ADVERTISEMENTS WHICH APPEAR TO EXCLUDE
DIPLOMATS CATEGORICALLY.
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